

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for the production of paper ~~which is characterized in that it employs~~ comprising adding an anionic fluorine-based oil-proofing agent and a fixing agent comprising a polymer in which at least N-vinylformamide is a polymerization component and/or a derivative of said polymer to a paper making process to form a paper product.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]] The~~ method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~where the aforesaid~~ polymer derivative is the hydrolysate of ~~the aforesaid~~ said polymer in which at least N-vinylformamide is a polymerization component.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]] The~~ method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~or Claim 2 where the aforesaid~~ polymer derivative is the hydrolysate of poly(N-vinylformamide).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]] The~~ method for the production of paper according to Claim 2, wherein said ~~or Claim 3 where the aforesaid~~ hydrolysate is the product obtained by hydrolysis of the formyl groups in ~~the aforesaid~~ said polymer at a percentage hydrolysis of 10 to 90% of the total formyl groups.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]] The~~ method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~any of Claims 1 to 4 where the aforesaid~~ anionic fluorine-

based oil-proofing agent is an oil-proofing agent comprising a compound having a phosphoric acid group or phosphate ester group.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~Paper which is characterized in that it contains~~ A paper product comprising an anionic fluorine-based oil-proofing agent and a fixing agent comprising polymer in which at least N-vinylformamide is a polymerization component and/or a derivative of said polymer.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~Paper~~ The paper product according to Claim 6, wherein ~~where~~ the anionic fluorine-based oil-proofing agent is an oil-proofing agent comprising a compound having a phosphoric acid group or phosphate ester group.